

SUBJECT No. 138.

Decentralization of Municipal work.

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possible. The amendment of the Regulation will be coming before the Legislative Council in due course. An amendment to this effect may be proposed in that connection, if the members desire it.

Summary of discussion.—Municipal work may be decentralized by the formation of Division and Mohalla Committees.

Mr. M. Krishnamurthi Rao.—A Committee should be formed for each mohalla or ward for municipal work. It is not always possible for a Municipal Councillor to give opinions about the conditions of the mohallas of which he is not a resident. If Committees are formed in each mohalla it would be easy for them to know the various wants and needs and settle accordingly. The mohalla Committees should of course be subordinate to the Municipal Council.

Reply of Government.—The proposal for a Ward Committee as in Bengal will be referred to the Legislative Department in connection with the amendment bill.

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Constitution of Trust Boards for important mofussil towns.

Messrs. N. S. Nanjundaiya, A. Narayanaengar, Hassan Municipality; H. V. Rangasami, B. Alasingra Char, Hassan Taluk; S. Venkatesaiya, Hassan District Agricultural and Industrial Association; H. Thimmappaiya, D. Nanjagowda, B. Basavegowda, Manjarabad Taluk; Dasappa, Maralusiddappa, Arsikere Taluk; M. Chowdaiya, Hassan District Board, B. Ananthakesava Char, H. Narasimbachar, Belur Taluk; B. Anantharamaengar, Hole-Narsipur Municipality; K. M. Krishnappa, Hole-Narsipur Taluk, A. V. Suryanarayana Setty, Arkalgud Taluk.

(2) Mr. Herur Gundappa, Kunigal Taluk.

(3) Messrs. B. Venkataramanish and C. B. Gopala Rao, Kolar Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—(1) There are at present City Improvement Trusts for Bangalore and Mysore Cities alone. The claims of other District Headquarter and important mofussil towns are equally urgent, and Trust Boards may be immediately constituted for them all.

(2) A grant of one lakh of rupees may be sanctioned every year, as is done in the case of Bangalore and Mysore Municipalities, for effecting improvements of mofussil taluk Municipalities which are not in a very unsatisfactory condition, by allotting Rs. 10,000 to each such Municipality for the purpose.

(3) The special grant of 1½ lakhs given at present to Municipalities may be increased to 3 lakhs, as 1½ lakhs is scarcely sufficient.

Mr. H. V. Rangasami.—Trust Boards are established in Mysore and Bangalore. The other districts too may be given the concession of having Trust Boards in addition to District Boards and given funds for improvement.

Dewan.—If for each town we create statutory bodies, there will be friction. In big towns the work is of great magnitude and so there are Trust Boards but not always. Even in Bombay they have abolished the Trust Board. Under the Municipal Regulation you can raise loans. It is the policy of Government to give more money for objects like water-supply, drainage, etc.

Mr. Girimaji Rao.—About Rs. 25,000 is allotted for the sanitation of Kolar District with 17,000 villages, i.e., Rs. 1½ for every village. The allotment should be raised.